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Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the Korean people, has devoted himself to the struggle for the freedom and liberation of the people and for the cause of socialism and communism over half a century to this day since he embarked on the road of revolution in his early years.

He has performed great, brilliant exploits by leading the Korean revolution along the road of resplendent victory, bearing the destiny of the country and the nation on his shoulders.

In the darkest period of Japanese imperialist rule Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, created the great *Juche* idea, organized and led the heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle to victory under the banner of that idea and restored the fatherland. In this course he established the glorious revolutionary traditions—the historical roots of our Party and the Korean revolution and the priceless wherewithal for the revolution which our people must carry forward from generation to generation.

After liberation he founded the Workers' Party of Korea, the general staff in the Korean revolution, developed it into an indestructible Marxist-Leninist Party, built the state of proletarian dictatorship for the first time in our country and steadily enhanced its functions and role as the weapon of building socialism and communism. He founded the People's Army and reinforced it into the one-beats-a-hundred revolutionary armed force.

In the days of the great Fatherland Liberation War against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, he led the war to victory taking upon himself all work at the front and the rear. With superb and creative strategy and tactics he defeated the U.S. imperialists who had boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, defended the independence of the country and the dignity of the nation, started the U.S. imperialists on the skids for the first time in history and opened up an era of fresh upsurge in the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle and in the national-liberation struggle in colonies.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, successfully carried out the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution and the socialist revolution in the northern half of the DPRK in a short span of time and established the most advanced socialist system without exploitation and oppression in our country. He built the mighty and wealthy, socialist industrial state which has an independent, modern industry, developed agriculture, splendid national culture and impregnable self-defence power.

He solved most correctly and creatively the theoretical and practical questions that arose anew after the establishment of the socialist system and paved a bright way to the complete victory of socialism and to communism in our country.

He laid down the correctest lines and policies for the south Korean revolution and national reunification and has inspired the entire people of north and south Korea to carry them out and thus hasten the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

Basing himself on the great *Juche* idea, Comrade Kim Il Sung, one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, has newly developed the Marxist-Leninist theories on the building of socialism and communism and given the correctest answers to the new questions, theoretical and practical, strategic and tactical, arising in the international communist movement, anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle and national-liberation movement in colonies. This is an immortal contribution to the development of the international communist movement and the world revolutionary movement as a whole.

The brilliant exploits performed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, in his revolutionary struggle for the development of our revolution and the world revolution will go down forever in history and his great *Juche* idea will be everlasting.

Our people sincerely wish a long life and good health to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, for the reunification of the country and nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution, for the eternal prosperity of this land and happiness of the generations to come and for the triumph of the world revolution.

Long Life and Good Health to the Leader

Our dear, respected Leader, living all his days for us,
Dedication to his people for the fullest life.
Today our happiness, so great it knows no bounds,
In his bosom like a father all warm love is found.

We will follow you, dear Leader, to the limits of the earth,
Loyally attending you till end of sun and moon.
Oh, your blessing we'll convey, to this forever true,
We'll remain forever loyal, all our faith in you.

To our Leader we pray, with all that's in our hearts,
To our great and dearest father, long and fruitful years.

EDITORIAL

The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG Leads the Korean People along the Road of Victory

Today the Korean people warmly celebrate the 60th birthday of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the Korean people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung was born on April 15, 1912 in Mangyongdae, Pyongyang. He has devoted his all to the struggle for the freedom and happiness of the people for half a century since he set out on the road of revolution in his early years.

He created the great idea of *Juche*, blazed the trails of the communist movement and national liberation struggle in Korea, saved our fatherland and nation in the crisis of ruination and correctly led and is leading the Korean people along the road of epochal changes and prosperity.

Upholding the banner of proletarian internationalism, Comrade Kim Il Sung is also extending active support and assistance to the struggle of the world revolutionary people; with his profound and creative theories and through practical activities, he is making a great contribution to the international communist and working-class movements and to the national-liberation struggles of the peoples of the colonial and dependent countries.

Indeed, the half-century long history of the revolutionary activities of Comrade Kim Il Sung shines with his immortal revolutionary exploits, great ideas and lofty virtues.

The great Leader of the revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung, raising high the torch of revolution in the days of national suffering, opened the road for the national resurrection of the Korean people; he exhibited our nation's honour and mettle before the world and ushered in a new era of socialism and communism for the first time in the Korean people's history of 5,000 years.

In the past, because of the absence of an outstanding leader, the Korean people experienced the national agony and sorrows of a stateless nation, and the communist and national-liberation movements in Korea went through twists and turns, and bitter failures repeatedly. The Korean people craved for the appearance of an outstanding leader who would save the destiny of the nation at the crossroads of life and death.

It was just at that time that Comrade Kim Il Sung, having a correct insight into the demand of the revolutionary situation, stood in the forefront of the revolution and led the Korean people along the road of sure victory.

Comrade Kim Il Sung put forward in an all-round way the *Juche*-motivated revolutionary lines for the Korean revolution in the early 1930's and organized and led the 15-year long anti-Japanese armed struggle to victory.

He said to the following effect:

...Our immediate aim is to crush the Japanese imperialist aggressors and attain the liberation and independence of Korea. And Japanese imperialism, the target of our struggle, is a burglar armed to the teeth.... Therefore, Japanese imperialism will not withdraw of its own accord. Who then should win independence for Korea!? It is absolutely impossible to achieve independence with foreign aid....

The only way is for us Koreans to fight and defeat the Japanese imperialists by our own strength. To do this, an armed struggle must be waged....

This was the only line for the restoration of the fatherland, a line which he had thought out, spending sleepless nights at school, under the lamp of a farmhouse or behind the bars, braving the raging snowstorms in the wilderness of Manchuria and avoiding the strict watch of the enemy, since he crossed the Amnok-gang River at the age of 14 with firm determination not to return until Korea became independent. This was a thoroughly *Juche*-motivated line run through with the idea that the Korean revolution must be accomplished by the Koreans themselves, a revolutionary line of meeting the counter-revolutionary violence with the revolutionary violence.

Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the line of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, founded the Anti-Japanese Guerilla Army, the first Marxist-Leninist revolutionary armed forces of the Korean people, with advanced workers, peasants and patriotic youths and organized and waged the armed struggle, thus developing the Korean communist and national-liberation movements on to a new stage.

The anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and led by Comrade Kim Il Sung was not a simple armed struggle. As an armed struggle waged on the basis of the *Juche* idea, the correct Marxist-Leninist guiding idea, it was the highest form of anti-imperialist national liberation struggle both for freeing the Korean people from the yoke of Japanese imperialist rule and ensuring their class emancipation; it was also a great revolutionary war closely associated with the broad political and economic struggles of the masses.

He secured everything necessary for the armed struggle for himself under the conditions where there was neither state rear nor aid from outside and guided to victory the arduous struggle against Japanese imperialism.

The anti-Japanese armed struggle ended in a historic victory, and the Korean people were liberated at last from the yoke of Japanese imperialist colonial rule which had lasted for nearly 40 years.

The restoration of the fatherland—this was a historic event which occasioned the Korean people to cast aside the disgraceful lot of a ruined nation for good and enter the road of national resurrection and was one of the greatest and most brilliant exploits performed by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

By bringing the heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle to a victorious end, Comrade Kim Il Sung demonstrated the revolutionary mettle of the Korean people to the world, defended the honour of our nation, attained the country's independence and people's liberation and established the glorious revolutionary traditions—the historic root of the socialist and communist revolution in Korea and the source of strength for the victory of our revolution.

Thanks to this glorious revolutionary traditions the Korean people could dynamically push ahead the revolution and construction even in so complex circumstances following liberation.

Comrade Kim Il Sung put forward the revolutionary line of building a democratic base in the northern half of the Republic on the basis of a scientific analysis of the complex Korea's situation created right after liberation due to the occupation of south Korea by U.S. imperialism, founded our Party, the general staff of the revolution, on the basis of the organizational and ideological preparations for Party-building made during the anti-Japanese armed struggle, established the people's power, the powerful weapon of the revolution, and founded the People's Army, the reliable defender of the revolution.

He successfully directed the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution including the agrarian reform which posed as an urgent question in the building of a new Korea. As a result, a people's democratic system was established and the northern half of the Republic was turned into the reliable base of the Korean revolution.

The three-year long war forced by the U.S. imperialists was a most stern trial to the Korean people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, bearing all the burdens of work at the front and the rear on his shoulders, led the People's Army and the entire people to victory with his outstanding leadership and unique strategy and tactics. He defeated the U.S. imperialists who boasted of their being the "strongest in the world," honourably defended the freedom and independence of the fatherland and started U.S. imperialism on the downgrade for the first time in history.

Comrade Kim Il Sung laid down the creative basic line of the economic construction, the line of giving priority to the growth of heavy industry and, simultaneously with it, developing light industry and agriculture, in the difficult postwar days when everything had been destroyed and burnt down, and forcefully roused our people to the socialist revolution and socialist construction.

Based on a scientific calculation of the specific conditions of our country, he advanced the creative line of agricultural co-operativization for transforming the forms of the economy prior to the technical reconstruction and the line of reforming capitalist trade and industry along socialist lines and completed the socialist transformation of the relations of production in town and country in a short period of 4-5 years.

Thus, a blissful socialist system free from exploitation and oppression, a system for which the Korean people had so eagerly longed and for which many Communists had shed their blood, was firmly established in our country under the wise guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Relying on the triumphant socialist system, he organized and mobilized the entire people to the struggle for building an independent modern industry which is developed in a many-sided way, possessed of its own solid raw material base and equipped with new techniques and effecting the all-round technical reconstruction of the national economy.

He energetically spurred our people on to the grand Chollima march and led them to successfully realize, overcoming manifold difficulties and obstacles, the hard and complex task of industrialization in only 14 years, which had cost capitalist countries a full century or even a few centuries.

The conversion of our country into a socialist industrial state—this was a great historical event in Korea, once a colonial agricultural state which had been removed far from modern technological civilization.

With the accomplishment of socialist industrialization, Korea has got rid of economic and technical backwardness handed over from the old society and proudly joined the ranks of the advanced countries in the world; the Korean people have completely extricated themselves from the shameful plight where they had to undergo all humiliation and maltreatment due to the backward economy, and become a mighty, dignified nation whom no one dares to provoke.

Comrade Kim Il Sung put forward the strategic line of carrying on economic construction and defence building in parallel and organized and mobilized the entire people for its implementation. As a result, the DPRK has been converted into a powerful country of self-defence which is capable of crushing any imperialist aggressors.

He gave the correctest answers to all the theoretical and practical questions arising anew in the building of socialism and communism and lit up the bright vista leading to the complete victory of socialism and to communism in Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung also presented the correctest line and policy of the south Korean revolution and the country's reunification and is leading the north and south Korean people for their materialization to hasten the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

He defined it as the supreme tasks of the nation to drive out U.S. imperialism from south Korea, complete the national-liberation, democratic revolution on a nation-wide scale and achieve national reunification and roused the entire people to the struggle for their fulfilment.

Following the road indicated by him, the south Korean revolutionaries and people are unfolding indomitable struggles underground, in mountains, behind the bars and on the scaffold under the guidance of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification which takes his great *Juche* idea as its guide.

When the south Korean people emerge victorious in the revolution and seize power, Korea will be reunified peacefully by the concerted efforts of the socialist forces of the northern half and the democratic forces of south Korea.

The day of national reunification is coming nearer with the progress of the powerful anti-U.S., national salvation struggle of the north and south Korean people and the patriotic struggle of the overseas Korean citizens.

The course of the development of the Korean revolution is indeed a course of the brilliant victory of the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung and his seasoned leadership.

Thanks to his wise leadership the Korean people have come to live in the era of the victorious advance of the revolution, in the era of national prosperity, for the first time in their history.

Comrade Kim Il Sung has held fast to the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism and devoted all his energy for the development of the international communist movement and the world revolution as a whole.

He advanced the correctest line for overcoming all hues of opportunism in the international communist movement and attaining the cohesion of the socialist countries and the unity of the international communist movement and is invariably striving for its implementation.

Under the uplifted banner of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle Comrade Kim Il Sung is also fighting devotedly to frustrate the policies of aggression and war of the imperialists headed by the U.S. imperialists and develop the revolutionary struggles of the Asian, African and Latin-American peoples.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung among women labour innovators

By giving correct answers to the questions of principle arising not only in the revolution and constructive work of Korea but in the international affairs at present, he has greatly contributed to the development of the international communist movement and the world revolutionary movement.

Comrade Kim Il Sung has earned the absolute trust and respect of the Korean people and the world revolutionary people because of his sagacious leadership and brilliant revolutionary exploits in guiding the Korean revolution to victory, overcoming all trials, and because of his unbounded loyalty to the cause of Marxism-Leninism and his immortal contribution to the development of the international communist movement and the world revolution.

The great Leader of the revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung has built a vast ideological and theoretical wealth through his arduous revolutionary struggle for half a century.

With his gifted resources and intelligence, scientific insight and unusual energy he originated the great *Juche* idea which fully meets the new demands of the world-historic changes and revolutionary practice in our time, and has led the revolution along the road of victory.

All the ideas and theories of Comrade Kim Il Sung on revolution and construction are founded and developed on the *Juche* idea and all his revolutionary theories and strategy and tactics thoroughly embody the revolutionary principles of the *Juche* idea.

The *Juche* idea is the essence of Comrade Kim Il Sung's revolutionary ideas and theories and holds a most important and preeminent position in the ideological and theoretical wealth built by him.

Comrade Kim Il Sung taught as follows:

"Establishing *Juche* means, in a nutshell, having the attitude of master towards the revolution and construction in one's own country. This means holding fast to the independent stand of rejecting dependence on others and using one's own brains, believing in one's own strength and displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, and thus solving one's own problems for oneself on one's own responsibility under all circumstances, and it means adhering to the creative stand of opposing dogmatism and applying the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism and the experiences of other countries to suit the historical conditions and national peculiarities of one's own country."

It is the fundamental demand of the *Juche* idea to have the attitude of master towards the revolution and construction in one's own country and solve every problem independently to suit the actual conditions of one's own country and mainly by one's own efforts. This is the most active and revolutionary stand for assuring the victory of the revolution and construction.

Communists can win only when they maintain the independent stand of solving all problems of the revolution and construction for themselves with the use of their own brains and display the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance in the revolution and construction, believing in the strength of their own people.

Revolution can be neither exported nor imported. And in revolution anyone else can not take the place of its master. The master of revolution in each country is the Party and people of that country and the factor deciding victory of revolution is also the internal force of that country. Therefore, for the revolution in each country its master, that is, its people themselves must endeavour and fight before anyone else and must judge all problems arising in the revolution and construction independently and solve them mainly by their own efforts. Only in this way, can they successfully carry out the revolution and construction.

Communists must also keep the creative stand of applying and developing Marxism-Leninism to suit the specific conditions of their own country.

Marxism-Leninism is not a dogma but a guide to action and a creative doctrine.

Moreover, a lot of new complicated questions are now arising with the spread of the revolutionary movement all over the continents and countries and the development of socialist construction in many countries. Under such conditions, the Party of the working class can correctly solve the new theoretical and practical problems and ensure the victory of the cause of the working class only when it creatively applies and continuously develops the theories of Marxism-Leninism to meet the demand of the revolutionary practice from the standpoint of *Juche*.

Indeed, the *Juche* idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung is a great Marxism-Leninism which fully meets the natural requirements of our era in which the Party and the people of each country are responsible for the revolution of their own country and revolution is being made with a national state as a unit.

This is a revolutionary idea illumining the correctest way for each country to successfully carry out the revolution and construction and a true proletarian internationalist idea enabling each country to make a substantial contribution to the development of the world revolution by successfully carrying out its own revolution and construction.

Comrade Kim Il Sung originated the great *Juche* idea and, on this basis, has developed and enriched Marxism-Leninism in an all-round manner.

The *Juche* idea demands that everyone lay emphasis on the revolution of his own country in his thinking and revolutionary practice and possess the right revolutionary world outlook, that is, the idea and stand for the carrying out of the revolution and construction in his country with the high sense of responsibility and with the attitude of master, thereby leading the revolution to victory.

Particularly, he developed in a unique way the Marxist-Leninist theories on the national-liberation democratic revolution and the socialist revolution.

He expounded the birth and development of the socialist mode of production, the basic motive power of social development and the laws of the class struggle under socialism and put forward theories on the positive role of superstructure under socialism, on the role of a leader in the development of history and on the revolutionary traditions.

Comrade Kim Il Sung gave a scientific exposition to the root cause of the existence of two forms of ownership under socialism and to the lawful development of socialist ownership.

He scientifically formulated the law of continuous, high-rate development of the economy under socialism and creatively elucidated the basic driving force of the socialist economy.

He also advanced a unique theory on the guidance and management of the economy under socialism, further developed the theory on the basic economic law of socialism and the law of the planned, proportionate development of the economy and showed the ways for the correct understanding and use of the socialist economic laws.

Comrade Kim Il Sung gave a comprehensive exposition to the characteristics of the economic relations in the world imperialist system reorganized with U.S. imperialism as the head and elucidated the inevitability of its collapse in a scientific way.

On the basis of a profound analysis of the international communist movement in the new stage of development, Comrade Kim Il Sung indicated the ways for winning victory in the revolution in confrontation with imperialism; he newly formed the theory, strategy and tactics for carrying out the revolution and building socialism and communism in the backward countries which were formerly colonies or semi-colonies or in the countries still dependent on others.

He also scientifically clarified and systematized other urgent theoretical and practical questions arising in the revolution and construction in our time.

One of the fundamental questions newly raised by the present time before the international communist movement is a question of how to continue the revolution after the establishment of the socialist system in order to win the complete and final victory of socialism and how to accomplish the world revolution under the conditions where socialism has triumphed in some regions on the globe and imperialism still remains in other regions.

Comrade Kim Il Sung analysed with a deep insight the socio-economic and class relations under socialism, the law of the building of socialism and communism and the correlations between the revolution of a country and the world revolution and gave scientific answers to the questions of principle arising in achieving the complete and final victory of socialism.

He elucidated the essence of the transition period as the period of a revolutionary turn of achieving the complete victory of socialism over capitalism in all realms of politics, the economy, ideology and culture; he advanced the theory that the transition period closes and the complete victory of socialism is accomplished when the class distinctions between the working class and the peasantry are eliminated and a classless society is thus established and productive forces are developed high enough to raise the living standards of the entire working people up to those of the former middle classes and upwards, through continued revolution under the intensified proletarian dictatorship. He also gave clear-cut elucidation for the first time to the revolutionary principles and fundamental ways and means for winning the final victory of socialism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung laid down the basic principles for the building of an independent national economy, socialist industrialization, the technical revolution and the solution of the socialist rural question and advanced theories concerning the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society and the questions of the Party and state guidance and the economic management under socialism. These are great ideas providing the concrete ways and principles for the building of socialism and communism.

On the basis of a deep analysis of the nature of modern imperialism and of its historic position, Comrade Kim Il Sung presented scientific revolutionary theories, strategy and tactics to smash the U.S. imperialists' world strategy and bring to victory the international revolutionary movement as a whole.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's revolutionary ideas and theories indicating the road to socialism and communism, the road to the emancipation of mankind and the final victory of the world revolution, infinitely inspire the fighting people.

True, the half-century long revolutionary history of Comrade Kim Il Sung is a history of a great thinker who created the *Juche* idea, Marxism-Leninism of our time, and a brilliant history of struggle to defend the purity of the Marxist-Leninist theory on the revolution and construction against all shades of opportunism and carry forward and develop it.

The half-century long revolutionary history of the great Leader of the revolution Comrade Kim Il Sung is a glorious history woven with his fervent love for the people and with his boundlessly noble virtues.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the teacher indicating the road to be followed by the people and the benevolent father sharing the sweets and bitters with the people and closely looking after every aspect of their lives.

He freed the Korean people from exploitation and oppression once and for all and made them dignified masters of the country.

He has brightly lit up the way for the Korean people to follow at each stage of the development of the revolution and led them along the road of victory and glory.

He has always discussed state affairs with the working people including the workers and peasants and inspired them in the victorious struggle.

When the country was undergoing harsh trials internally and externally, he visited the workers in Kangson to discuss the difficult situation and roused them to the world-shaking grand Chollima movement. And when we faced the task to develop the technical revolution on to a new stage, he also visited the workers in Huichon and kindled the flames of a new technical innovation to accelerate automation.

He who holds dear the people and carefully looks after them has always gone among them and shared joys and sorrows with them, caring with fatherly affection for all their life.

Even in the hard days of the bloody anti-Japanese armed struggle Comrade Kim Il Sung, feeling very sorry to see the people ill-clad and hunger-stricken under the harsh exploitation of Japanese imperialism, did everything possible to care for their living; and in the complex and tense situation after liberation, in the grim years of the Fatherland Liberation War and in the difficult postwar days he showed every concern, above all, for the stabilization and improvement of the people's life.

One day he went to a remote mountainous co-op farm, regardless of the chill of deep night, and fixed in person the site of a reservoir to be built. Another day he went down to farmers' villages and, making rounds of calls on their houses, looked after their lives with warm care, personally feeling their floors to see whether they were heated well.

Looking far into the future of the country and the nation, Comrade Kim Il Sung has taken particularly deep care of the younger generation who will carry forward the revolution showing his warm love for them.

Saying that children are the "king" of the land, he gave the best things first to them and spared nothing if it was for them.

Comrade Kim Il Sung embraces to his bosom not only the people of the northern half of the Republic but also the people of the southern half and the 600,000 Korean nationals in Japan and other overseas fellow-countrymen, looking after them with utmost care and warm favours.

When designating the site of a textile mill to be built, he would turn his thoughts to the ill-clad brothers of the south, and when having a flotilla of pelagic fishing boats formed he would worry about south Korean fishermen who drudge on board wooden boats tossing in the fury of wind and waves. He also takes good care of our nationals in Japan and other alien lands with the affection of a father who loves more his far-off children than those under his roof.

The Korean people are firmly convinced through their experience of life that they enjoy the happiness and honour of today and have a brighter morrow thanks to the fatherly Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and entrust everything to him.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's warm benevolence and great affection flow into every heart of our people and his love warmer than the sun throws its rays all over the land. Now it is no wonder that our society is harmonious, animated and vibrant with new hope for a happier future.

The Korean people are united steel-like around the Leader, feeling boundless pride and happiness in their being his revolutionary soldiers, and regard it as their greatest honour and most sacred task to fight devotedly for the victory of his great revolutionary ideas.

On the 60th birthday of Comrade Kim Il Sung the Korean people offer the highest regard to him with feelings of fervent loyalty and infinite respect for him, retrospecting his half-century long, glorious and brilliant revolutionary history with deep emotion.

Victory and glory alone are in store for the Korean people who enjoy the sagacious leadership of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the great leaders of the international communist and working-class movements.

The People Extend the Best Glory to the Leader

O, the bright morning
Of the month of April,
Congratulating the sixtieth anniversary
Of our Leader's birth!

The Mansudae Hill
Soaring high in the serene sky!

The Sun rising above the horizon
Sheds its brilliant rays around the Hill.
The breeze as soft as the breath of the people,
Cherishing the warmest greeting in its heart
Strokes the Hill and then meditatively flows.

The flowers wet with dew
Perfume the Hill with the fragrance
That they have preserved for this day.
The wavelets ruffling
On the surface of the river Taedong-gang
Send to the Hill this song of celebration.

In this glorious morning,
We dedicate to our Leader this song
Interwoven with the purest respect and love
Overflowing the hearts of the people
As the crystal fountain that gushes out endlessly.

The populace dancing for joy
In the sky-kissing tableland Paekmu,
Or in every nook and corner of the country!
They weave the flower-baskets, aromatic, dazzling,
To present to you, parental Leader.

Look! At every city or village of the dark south,
From behind the iron-bars, underground and the hearts of mountains,
Looking up to the sky of Pyongyang,
The fighting brothers with their eyes suffused with tears
Are extending their congratulations toward you,
paternal Leader.

Listen! From far-off foreign land,
The chant of congratulation
Of the six hundred thousand compatriots in Japan
Is coming across the sea.

Inclusive of the celebrations of the world people
That fill the universe with radio waves of good wishes
From the fighting deserts and jungles of equator,
Over the oceans and continents,
We dedicate this song to you, dear Leader!

Respected and beloved Leader of us!
In this happiest morning
We look back upon the brilliant sixty years
You have traversed.

We think of the historic morning,
When you, at the age of fourteen,
Passed out of the brushwood gate
Printing your footmarks
On thousands of miles of snow-laden path,
In order to check for good
The bloody tears of the people
That streamed over the groaning land.

The grandfather and grandmother in white clothes,
Who saw the General leave and followed him with eyes
For the same road to revolution,
For which they had once seen Mr. Kim Hyong Jik and Mrs. Kang Ban Sok off
At the entrance of the village covered with snow!
The old house in Mangyongdae! The familiar nature!

The footsteps of the Leader
That travelled far off leaving the home behind!
What a firm resolution were they engraved with!
The homeland that saw him leave!
What a great hope did it tremble for?

Though the poverty-stricken homeland
Had nothing to give him on that day,
In his heart, broad and deep,
There dwelt the patriotism of the revolutionary family.
That became loftier under the severe trial.

All the desire and resentment of the people
Who beat their chests and cried for rescue,
The destiny of the country bound by the chains of Japanese imperialism
Were heavily hung over his shoulders.

Through the solemn declaration of the "Down-With-Imperialism Union,"
He organized the "Saenal Juvenile Union," the "Anti-Imperialist Youth League"
And the "Young Communist League of Korea,"
Implanting the seeds of revolution in the blood-stirring hearts of the youth.

And through the hard road of ordeal
He reviewed the first armed rank of Korea
In the depth of the forest of Antu.
O, the Leader who held aloft the torch
Of anti-Japanese struggle at the top of Mt. Paekdu-san
And lit up the road of national resurrection!

Cherishing old rivers and mountains he left behind
And the thirst of the people
Ever more in his heart
He traversed the hills of severe storm for fifteen years!
How far did he travel along the road of victory?
Sweeping away the darkness that enveloped the land,
How far did he come along with the light of revolution?

The morning when you returned home triumphantly,
Your head surmounted by an aureole of the revived country.
The morning when the people who had been in distress
Crying and laughing with so much emotion
Were rustling on tiptoe,
You were standing on the highest platform of new Korea
Smiling all over your face.

The country that had nothing to offer you
On the day when you were leaving,
Now was given too many valuable things
From you, dearest Leader!

They were the torchlight of Juche
Which flared up in the forests of Paekdu
And illumined the whole world brilliantly.
They were the roots of our glorious Party
Raised by you personally.
They were the glorious revolutionary traditions of our Party
Which we have to hand down generation after generation
Bringing a communist paradise into bloom, based on them.

They were the fresh vernal flowers
Which you brought to us
Groping your bloody way in the wilderness.
They were the bayonets and gun barrels
Towering high in clusters to annihilate the enemy.

If we had not been given them
That you had brought to us through the difficulties,
Our country would have groaned under the perpetual yoke of colonialism.
Our people would have wandered about dragging the heavy chains.

That's why in this happy morning,
This song dedicated to you, paternal Leader,
Is resounding so merrily and gaily.

Respected and beloved Leader!
All people of the country are meditating
On your harsh courses of revolution,
Through which you made the blood-stained march
Of anti-Japanese armed struggle of fifteen years
Even without taking a day's rest
And created the history of new Korea.

Which road will Korea take?
The people asked each other,
And all were stagnant at starting point.
Only the Leader who had the keen insight
Paved for us the road
Of building the democratic base.

The Leader in his military uniform
Which he used to wear
In the days when he strode over the Mt. Paekdu-san
Was standing by the burning trench,
And made the "undefeated" U.S. imperialism
Fall down-hill to its eternal destruction,
Thus he building unheard-of, immortal golden towers
On the history of revolutionary wars.

From the war to construction—
When endless difficulties obstructed us
And no way for us to follow
Was visible around us,
So many problems to be solved
Were awaiting your guidance anxiously.

The Leader who cutting through thorny bushes
Has printed footmarks on the new page of the history!
How many roads have you opened up in the wilderness?
How heavily have you got wet
In the rain or with dew?

The original economic line put forward by the Leader
While he was busy clearing the war debris.
That was the line giving priority to the growth of heavy industry,
While simultaneously developing light industry and agriculture.
That was the line that enabled us to solve all the urgent questions
While realizing his far-sighted plans for the eternal prosperity of the country.
That was the line Juche-motivated,
That building the people's paradise
With our own strength, brains and resources
And according to our own way.

Under the beams of the great line
Numberless iron towers and dikes rose suddenly.
Melted iron flowed winding,
Thus paving the open road for industrialization.

To set the fire of uninterrupted revolution
To the enlarged, wealthier co-op farms,
The Leader held aloft
The great "Theses on the Socialist Rural Question."

This—an agricultural programme for winning communism,
For raising up the plain and mountain villages to the level of towns,
And remoulding the peasantry on the pattern of the working class!
This—the milestone of classless society!

The wild path the Leader took
Towards Chongsan-ri,
The road along which
The Leader called on the working class of Taean!
Along this short cut to communism
The Leader guides our revolution.

On this road the Leader took
While operating two fronts of economic construction and defence upbuilding
And crushing the war manoeuvrings of the enemies,
There soars the holy peak of national dignity.

The great banner the Leader raised high!
O, the immortal Juche idea,
The only principle of the revolution and construction!

Juche—
Independence in politics!
Self-reliance in economy!
Self-defence in national defence!
Only under the banner of Juche
Independence and prosperity of the nation can be realized,
The victory of socialism and communism be hastened.

Even for the revolutionaries of south Korea
Fighting in villages and towns,
Workshops and schools,
Underground and prisons
Against the fascist bayonets and chains,
The great Juche idea
Penetrates through the darkness
And throws light over the future.

Banner of Juche—torchlight of revolution
Lighting up all hearts fighting for the justice and truth!
It throws light over the future of compatriots in Japan
Who were wandering about with no door to knock at
Under unbearable national insult and contempt
In an alien land over the sea.

No limit for Juche!
This word reverberates
Over the extremity of the world.

Wherever they live, in the end of a continent
Or in a shore of an ocean far off
Their hearts resound with this word.

Even fighters, far and near,
Who rose to cut off the last chain of colonialism
In their home covered with primeval forests
Or in an islet on the high seas,
Are reciting,
"Juche!"

O, respected and beloved Leader,
Who led Korea
To the height of socialist industrial state
From which the dazzling horizon of communism is visible!

The world peoples, as one, praise our country
Saying
"The cradleland of Juche!"
"The country of Chollima!"
"The pattern of socialism!"

Wherever else can there be
Greater pride and greater glory
Than to live here in Korea,
In the bosom of the parental Leader!

O, our respected and beloved Leader!
The pathfinder in the wilderness of revolution!
Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great sun of the revolution,
Who has opened the gate to communism
Here in Korea where centuries-old desire is ripe!

The honourable revolutionary history of yours
Extending over half a century!
In it nestles the song,
Echoing on this land
Most harmoniously, most enchantingly!

In it is
The light of creation and wisdom
Forming a rainbow
Even over the windy, barren soil.
In it is
The wealth of revolution
That we should transmit to the posterity.

O, the respected and beloved Leader,
Waving hand smilingly
To the people cheering and crying out "Long Live!"
Thanks to your immortal work
You are ever rejuvenated in our hearts,
And your great figure ever shines
High up on the stand,
And we always look up to you.

Just as nothing revives
Where the sun does not come up,
Just as no fleet strives through waves
Without its commander,
Unless you guide us with your great brilliance,
The torrent of our revolution
Would never roll toward the anchorage.
The history would never cut
The shortest and swiftest way.

So the whole people, in this morning,
With their endless admiration,
Extend their best wishes to you,
Ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander,
The great Marxist-Leninist of our time,
One of the talented leaders of the world communist and working-class movements,
And the great sun of the new era
Who cleared up the open road to communism.

O, our Leader beloved,
Who, only for the happiness of the people and victory of the revolution
Has devoted his all for long sixty years
Without taking even a day's rest!
Hear the single earnest wish of us!
"The longevity of the Leader—the ever prosperity of the country,
The longevity of the Leader—the joy of the whole nation,
The longevity of the Leader—the happiness of all revolutionary people!"

O, our Leader respected
"May you enjoy a long, long life!"
"Pray, you live long in good health!"

Mangyongdae, the cradleland of the revolution, is dear to the hearts of the Korean people. The great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was born on April 15, 1912 and spent his childhood here.

Our Country Thriving under the Rays of the Juche Idea

Today our people are living in an era of great national prosperity.

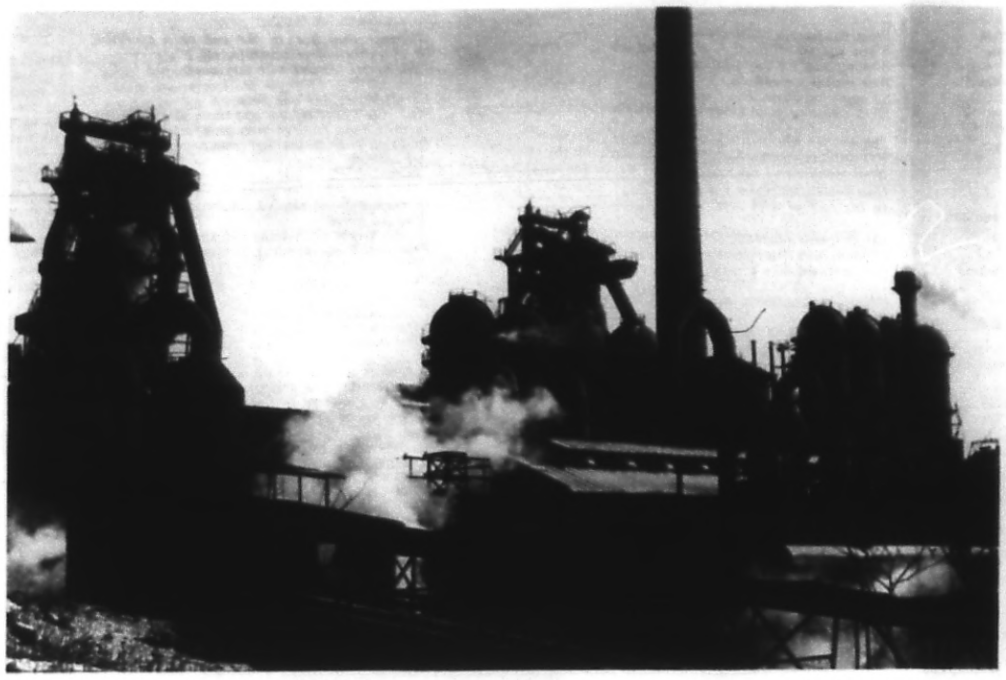
Under the radiant rays of the great Juche idea of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the most advanced socialist system has been established in this land and our country has turned into a rich and strong socialist industrial state with modern and independent industry, developed agriculture, brilliant national culture and impregnable self-defence power.

We have powerful heavy industry with the machine-building industry as its core and solid bases of light industry as well. Everywhere in our country, factory chimneys give off volumes of smoke and machines rotate with earth-shaking roar, boasting of the might of our Juche-based industries. We turn out steel, modern machines and textile fabrics as much as we want.

Our socialist countryside thrives day by day under the bright sunshine of the Theses on the Rural Question set forth by the Leader. Co-op farm fields are covered with a ramified network of irrigation canals brimming over with life-giving water. Machines come to the help of farmers in upturning land and sowing seeds, and agricultural chemicals are widely applied in removing weeds and destroying insect pests. Golden carpets of crops wave over the fields, trees on the hills and mountains yield an abundance of fruits and flocks of livestock move hither and thither in farm villages.

Former mud huts which were signs of poverty have given way to modern dwellings which stand in rows. Schools of all levels, hospitals and clinics and cultural institutions are to be seen everywhere in our country—towns and villages, fishermen's hamlets and even remote mountainous areas. All the people are given the benefits of free education and free medical care. They are indeed the genuine enjoyer and creator of culture.

Rallied close with one and the same idea and purpose around the fatherly Leader who has done his all to bring them a yet happier life, our people are now marching forward with redoubled vigour towards the high peak of socialism and communism indicated by him.



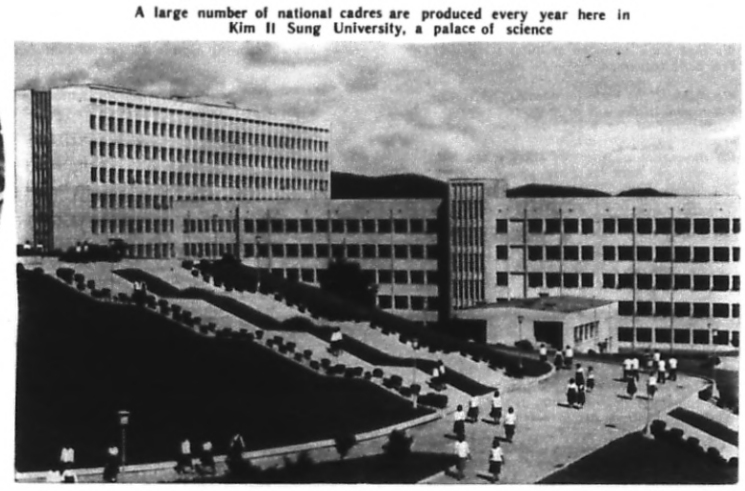
The Hwanghae Iron Works, a giant metallurgical base, demonstrates the might of our socialist industrial state

Our socialist co-op farms gather a bumper crop every year under the rays of the Leader's Theses on the Rural Question

Spinning shop of the world first-class February 8 Vinalon Factory built with our own strength, technique and equipment

Children grow up happily in the bosom of the fatherly Leader, with nothing more to desire

A large number of national cadres are produced every year here in Kim Il Sung University, a palace of science



A scene of the music and dance epic "Glorious Is Our Fatherland"

Working people enjoy their holiday to the full under our blissful socialist system

Pyongyang, the capital of revolution, which has been rebuilt into a magnificent modern city, is symbolic of the heroic grit of the Korean people

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